

very soon. I will be greatly deceived if you do not hear of good after results.

The church unanimously called Brother B. H. Flora for another year. He goes out every four weeks, more than two hundred miles, and preaches for them through the week. He is a consecrated man and one of our best pastors. They number between forty and fifty members, and are good, substantial people, morally and financially. They are well able to support a pastor for all of the time, and once they succeed in getting a good man to take the work there will be built up one of the best churches in the brotherhood. Dunkard doctrine is the main faith of the community, but the German Baptists are so divided, and they have had so many scandals and other troubles, that if our people will continue to live right they may become the strongest church in the community.

I am scribbling these lines in the Fort Wayne depot while awaiting a train for State Conference. I had hoped to be able to stop off at Ashland, but the Lord has ruled it otherwise. His will, not mine, be done.

Will write a brief history of my Philadelphia work in my next, also something of the prospective future.

My address is no longer 2424 N. 10th St., but 2000 S. 17th St., Philadelphia.

ISAAC D. BOWMAN.

Martinsburg Pa., Dedication

After the Pennsylvania Conference at Altoona, I went to Martinsburg to assist in the dedication of the church the Brethren have erected there.

The day of dedication Sunday, Oct. 6th. was a dear and pleasant fall day and long before the time of opening the house was filled and there was not enough standing room, many going away for lack of room.

Brother Keller was in charge of the service while I tried to preach and help in soliciting. The indebtedness of about \$200 was soon raised and we then dedicated the house to the service of God.

Brother Keller preached to a large crowd at 3 p. m. and I again at 7:30 p. m.

The church stands almost in the center of Martinsburg and is a very comfortable and pleasant place of worship and will no doubt be a center of spiritual power. Brother Keller is a tireless worker and is doing splendid work in this field, while there we were entertained in their home and left Martinsburg with most agreeable remembrances of Brother and Sister Keller and family.

No building committee could have done better work than did the one here. Brothers George D. Paul, D. M. Klepser and David Replogle composed the building committee, while every member and the people of the town took active interest.

The music at dedication was in charge of Sisters Gertie and Eva Klepser, aided by a large choir; one pleasant feature being a quartet that sang at each service.

In all it was a happy day.

E. E. HASKINS.

Our Conference.

As the years come and go we are invited to chronicle events which in the aggregate make up the history of human life. The 24th of September had been announced as the time of the meeting of the "Kanemorado" district at Carleton, Nebraska, railroad rates having been obtained through the courtesies of Mr. S. M. Adsit, General Passenger Agent of the St. Joe & Grand Island line, for the occasion. On the early morning train, 8:30 o'clock, my wife and I started for the place of meeting, arriving at 5:28 o'clock P. M. At Hamlin, Hiawatha, Morrill and Seneca we were joined by delegates in unusual numbers, also many who were not delegates, assuring us that the attendance was going to be good. Among the number were some of the "pioneers" of the Brethren church—still full of zeal for its success.

The annual sermon by the retiring moderator

was from Matt xvi: 18, "Upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." The effort showed quite an amount of thought, and had it been reduced to writing, with the needful eliminations, and well read, would have been appreciated by all present. The organization was effected after an inspiring sunrise prayer meeting Wednesday morning, and the conference got to business at once. The sessions were animating and full of the spirit thru out, but we departed somewhat, and probably infringed upon the especial duty of another. We wish to speak particularly of the mission work done for the district. The writer of this brief sketch, with D. H. Kelso, of Esbon, Kans., secretary, and E. Berkley, of Hamlin, Kans., treasurer, constitute the board for the ensuing year. W. J. H. Bauman was chosen evangelist. The board is to have entire oversight of the work and to meet the calls for preaching so far as possible with the funds provided. A request for forty cents per capita is made of each member in the district for the support of the work, payable quarterly in advance. Organizations desiring work will please correspond with chairman, secretary or evangelist and it will receive immediate attention. We sincerely hope that we may be able to render much assistance to places needing help in the district during the year. But, let it be remembered, that it can only be done by co-operation. Send in your quota at once to Treasurer E. Berkley, Hamlin, Kans., and the assistance will be assured. The board is powerless without money, and we especially urge the preachers and pastors in all the churches to bring the matter before their congregations at their earliest convenience, insisting upon it as a duty we owe the Lord. "God asks us to give that he may enrich us"—Luke 6: 38. We ought not to expect blessings from God if we are not willing to be led by him. Open your Bibles read, Malachi, 3d chapter, beginning at 8th verse and read to conclusion of chapter, then get down on your knees and ask the Lord to open your heart and pocketbook proportionately to the blessing promised in the 10th verse. If any brother and sister in the district will do this we, as a board, will have a report to present next year to conference that will gladden your hearts. "Ask and ye shall receive." Let us ask in faith, that the burden of lost souls may rest more heavily upon our hearts. Let us get into closer touch with the starving for the bread of life, and the work of salvation will move along. Without it, we must fail in the work.

D. H. Kelso can be addressed at Esbon, Kans., and will with pleasure answer correspondence in reference to the work. Let us again insist upon each organization desiring assistance in ministerial work during this year to write us, stating the most suitable time of holding the meeting, the number of members you have in organization, outlook, &c. This will enable the board to better apply the means and more efficiently direct the work of the evangelist, or others who may be called upon to assist in the labors. The board—

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Once more we come to the EVANGELIST with our report. We are glad the Lord has promised to be with the few as with the many. We are still moving along tho very slowly, but we keep the Star in view and we expect greater things in the future. Elder D. B. Studebaker, of Litchfield, Ill., was with us August 30 and remained until September 4, holding services each evening and on Sunday at 11 o'clock. On Monday afternoon we held a business meeting, and on Tuesday evening a love feast. The communion services were enjoyed by all present. Eleven participated in the services.

Elder Studebaker left us September 4. We were sorry he could not stay longer. Remember us in your prayers.—Hattie Grant.

The Calif. Conference and Camp Meeting

Our first session of Conference opened on Monday, Aug. 26 at 9 A. M. and lasted two hours. It was devoted principally to organization, appointment of committees and receiving reports of standing committees such as Mission Board, Camp Meeting Board, Trustees, and some others. The real business sessions were held on the 28th and 30th, beginning at 9 A. M. The sessions were presided over by your correspondent with A. P. Reed as vice chairman, and Minnie Isbell as secretary.

The principal matters of importance were presented by Committee on General Church work composed of Brethren Reed, Schisler and Early, and by the Camp Meeting Committee, composed of Brethren H. E. Wolf, Reed and Schisler. At the suggestion of the former committee, the Camp Meeting and the Conference are to be held together, at a date somewhat later than this year if it can be so arranged. The Brethren in Oregon were also admitted to our Conference, and its name changed to "Conference of the district of Calif and Oregon." At the suggestion of this committee also the church was pledged to a stand against the popular amusements which are in so many instances sapping the life of our young people. From the same committee came also the plan adopted for the distribution of our Mission funds,—namely, that every member be canvassed for a contribution to a single fund for the spread of the Gospel, and that the money so raised should be divided as follows: 90 per cent to be applied to our State Mission work, 8 per cent to be sent to General Mission Board and the remaining 2 per cent to be given to the Theological Chair of Ashland University, or to the Superannuated Ministers fund, as the local Mission Board may think best.

The Camp Meeting Committee suggested that our next meeting be held on the site of this years gathering, and it nominated a Camp Meeting Board as follows: H. E. Wolfe, Jacob Shank, Ed Reynolds, C. Ronk, Dr. L. H. Wilson, R. L. Schleider and A. P. Reed.

A subscription amounting to almost \$50 was taken to defray the expense of preparing ground for next years meeting.

The committee on Mission work preparing resolutions in behalf of our publications and other means of advancing the cause dear to us all. It also nominated as members of a new Mission Board, the following persons: H. E. Wolfe, Anna Wolfe, Susie A. Waddle, Dr. Wilson, R. L. Schleider, Ruby Nelson, and Geo. W. Powell.

The new Mission Board organized with Sister S. A. Waddle, president, H. E. Wolfe secretary, and Anna Wolfe treasurer, all of these receive their mail at Lathrop.

The committee on Sunday-school work encouraged the workers in the field and urged all Christians to find a place for work. It also urged all Brethren Sunday-Schools to use Brethren literature.

High grounds were taken on the temperance question, but not any too high. In fact it is quite impossible to be too firm, or too earnest on such a matter.

The S. S. C. E. made a creditable showing, and presented a report full of hope and good suggestions.

The committee on statistics reported as follows:—

Churches represented,	6
Preachers reporting,	4
Appointments served,	9
Sermon during year,	527
Communion held,	8
Numerical gains,	47
Losses during year,	7
Strength of church, numerically	279
Money contributed for church work,	\$2321 95